

COLONEL TAYLOR TELLS OF CRIME

Graphically Depicts How Captain Rankin Died at Reel Foot Lake.

UNION CITY, TENN., December 19.—Following his caution to the press yesterday not to print the testimony in the night rider case, Judge Jones to-day cautioned the writers of the local churches not to refer to the cases in their sermons, Sunday, since the jurors might be present.

He took no further action regarding the press, although he conferred personally with the correspondents of several State papers, instructing them to omit the necessity of following out the courts orders. The first witness to-day was Colonel R. Z. Taylor, who was the companion of Captain Rankin on the night of the murder of Captain Rankin. Taylor is sixty-three years old, a veteran of the Confederate army and a wealthy man. He is tall, erect and soldierly in spite of his years, wears a gray beard neatly trimmed, and does not show his age. Piercing blue eyes shining out from beneath shaggy eyebrows give him a stern appearance.

Nearly Completed. When court adjourned this afternoon until Monday the State had nearly completed its case against the eight alleged night riders now on trial for the murder of Captain Rankin. On Monday it will put Frank Feininger on the stand. He says he was present when the murder was committed, and knows the names of every man who was present. After that the State will merely fill in with corroborative testimony. The defense will depend solely upon alibi, and for that purpose has summoned nearly 100 citizens of Reel Foot Lake district to testify as to the whereabouts of the alleged men on the night of October 15th.

The State, through the evidence presented thus far, has identified only three of the eight as present the night of the murder—Garrett Johnson, Burton and Roy Ransom. It depends upon Feininger to identify the others. Feininger probably will be on the stand all day Monday, and he is expected to reveal the oath, signs, passwords and the ritual of the riders. Unusual precautions will be taken to guard the witnesses from the crowd, and to make sure that there is no demonstration against him.

Colonel Taylor and Captain Rankin went to Reel Foot Lake to leave some land to Carpenter. They drove over the property known as Grazeys Island leading to the hotel on the night of Oct. 15 and left orders for horses for another trip the day following. Then they retired.

Colonel Taylor was awakened by Ward's call and the same instant a rear window of his room was raised. Two men were there, followed by a third, and they raised the body until the toes scarcely touched the ground. From the tip of the swinging figure came the muffled appeal:

"You are choking me, gentlemen; I pray you to let me down."

Then one of the riders fired a shot into the body of Rankin even as he pleaded for his life. Instantly a fusillade came, most of the riders were shooting into the air. Taylor turned to his captors and said: "I am tired, gentlemen, let me sit down."

He crouched to his knees ready to spring, and waited until the guns were empty, then when the firing stopped he jumped into the river and swam. Just as the firing was renewed, Taylor dived, but heard the bullets striking the water. He swam under water to a big log. He did not know whether it was fast or not. He knew if it were loose that when he grasped it for support it would splash and his life be forfeited. But he was exhausted and fainting and had to take the risk. From the bank came cries, yells and shots. Silently he swam to the log, reached it and it was fast in the bough. He was safe. The bullets struck the log like hail in a storm, but gradually they ceased.

For two hours this aged veteran of many battles lay in the river, grasping the log, and when all sounds had ceased he swam to the opposite side and took to the woods. He wandered through the woods, following a course marked by the moss, which he knew was heaviest on the north side of the trees. His quest was to find a safe place to hide. He was not far from the night riders killed Rankin, Taylor said.

"Gentlemen, I am an old man, I cannot expect to live many years more. By killing me you will not be cheating me

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THE AFFIDAVITS ARE NAUSEATING

Defense Will Try to Get Them in Evidence to Save Hains.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NEWPORT, Dec. 19.—The District Attorney Darrin and the lawyers for the defense of Thornton Jenkins Hains, on trial in Flushing for the murder of William B. Hains, are engaged in a going over the evidence so far given. Both sides profess themselves pleased with the headway so far made and confident of the ultimate result.

Among the pieces of testimony which the defense holds regarding the relation of Mrs. Peter C. Hains, Jr. and Mr. Hains, and over which a strong fight will be made regarding its materiality as evidence, are affidavits made by two former cooks in the home of Captain Hains at Hamilton. These women are Minnie Rhoads and Minnie Bell. The affidavits state that the woman's place for five days in the month of December, 1907. Both women allege having seen the defense of Hains, and that they saw him in the home of the dead man and the wife of the army captain while Captain Hains was in the West. Bell's affidavit is written out in great detail and approaches the nauseating.

The prosecution plans this week to introduce threatening letters alleged to have been written to Editor Ripley, of Recreation, by the defendant, and to enter in evidence a letter written by him to Mr. Annis, either of a warning or of a threatening nature.

The first witness to be called on Monday morning by Mr. Darrin is likely to be Fred Leavitt, superintendent of the Yacht Club, who already had been in the stand for a few minutes. Thomas Mann, who was in the boat at the time of the shooting, will be another leading witness to take the stand on Monday afternoon. The prosecution still has some fourteen witnesses on its list, and it is expected will take well into the week to get the more witnesses whom the defense will call. It now does not seem possible to trial the trial before Christmas, even by holding the court at night.

Clearing House Statement.

NEW YORK, December 19.—The statement of clearing house banks for the week shows that the banks held \$10,000,700 more than the requirements of the 25 per cent. reserve rule. This is a decrease of \$1,000,000 from the proportionate cash reserve, as compared with last week. The statement follows:

Loans, \$1,315,930,100; decrease, \$23,567,300.

Deposits, \$1,368,912,100; decrease, \$2,883,500.

Circulation, \$46,612,100; increase, \$123,100.

Legal tenders, \$79,389,600; increase, \$307,600.

Specie, \$272,848,200; decrease, \$17,118,600.

Reserve, \$352,237,500; decrease, \$16,511,300.

Reserve required, \$342,238,100; decrease, \$3,921,375.

Surplus, \$10,000,700; decrease, \$6,889,925.

Ex. United States deposits, \$12,553,712; decrease, \$8,015,225.

The percentage of actual reserve of the clearing house banks to-day was 26.22. The statement of banks and trust companies of Greater New York not reporting to the clearing house show that those institutions have aggregate deposits of \$1,124,661,000; total cash on hand, \$1,083,900,000, and loans amounting to \$1,047,342,600.

PECULIAR ACCIDENT

Mounted Policeman Thrown from Horse in Front of Trolley.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 19.—Edward Mooney, a mounted policeman, was killed today in a peculiar manner. He was riding along Passunk avenue in the southwest section of the city when his horse slipped and Mooney was thrown to the street directly in front of a moving trolley car. The motorist did all in his power to stop the car, but before he could do so the policeman was struck and crushed to death.

One Fare for Eliza.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Dec. 19.—It is practically decided that the railroad leading to Los Angeles will grant one fare for the round trip for the 21st, 22nd and 23rd to be held in this city July 11-13, according to S. A. Hutchinson, manager of the tourist department in Chicago of the Union Pacific and Northwestern railways. The Western lines have already agreed to this rate, but it has been held up by the people between Chicago and the Missouri river.

An agreement has been reached and just as soon as the traffic men of the lines can get together exact rates applying to the different points will be issued.

Z. T. Jones Acquitted.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NEWPORT NEWS, VA., December 19.—After deliberating for eleven hours the jury in the case of Z. T. Jones, charged with attempting to criminally assault four-year-old Esther Black, was discharged tonight. Jones, probably will not be tried again. Eight of the jurors are said to have stood for acquittal, while four held out for conviction. Jones is a former police officer, and the girl in the case is the crippled daughter of an evangelist.

Bryan to Speak.

LINCOLN, NEB., Dec. 19.—William J. Bryan left today for Pennsylvania, where he will deliver several addresses. He was scheduled to stop in Omaha and speak this afternoon.

Killed by Wave.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The steamer Schornhorst, which arrived from Bremen and Cherbourg to-day, reports that on the 12th of December a German passenger ship was thrown upon the deck by a wave and killed. The captain says the weather nearly all the way across was exceedingly tempestuous.

Results of Factory.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—Eastern railroads which have substituted electricity for steam as a motive power are satisfied with the results, and believe that the change in large railway terminals is not only practicable, but desirable. This opinion has also been reached by an electrical expert of one of the largest Western railroad systems who was sent East to make an investigation.

Chesapeake Operation.

EL PASO, TEXAS, December 19.—For the first time in 21 years, and it is believed, the first in the State of Texas a Chesapeake operation was performed today at El Paso. It was on Mrs. Lella Provencio, a Mexican woman. The woman had been suffering for four days with a ten-pound baby girl and the mother are both doing well.

To Accommodate Their Trade.

JANUARY, Dec. 19.—Jewelry, 912 East Main Street, will keep their store open until 10 o'clock P. M. beginning Friday, 18th, until Christmas.

What to Give and Where to Buy It

Both questions quickly solved by a visit to Faulkner & Warner Co. Great stock and special opportunities to please and benefit Christmas shoppers at a very small cost.

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Fancy Embossed Leather Belts, several colors, in fancy boxes.

Fancy Articles
Sewings Sets, Spool Holders, Baby Rins, all sizes, 10c. Cushions, Fascinators, and Shawls, priced for \$1.50 to \$1.00.

Umbrella Specials
Large fancy, attractive handles at the price of \$1.00. Ladies' Umbrellas, made of glorio, with tape border and plain wood or fancy handles, for \$1.00. Very large assortment of Umbrellas in fancy handles, for \$1.50. Gents' 28-inch Umbrellas, made of best material, with tape border, very stylish handles, for \$1.98. Ladies' Umbrellas, made of very fine silk mixed material, with very pretty handles; worth \$4.00; special price \$2.50.

Holiday Neckwear
At prices that are not more than half of last year's, all nicely boxed. Ladies' Collars, \$1.00, 75c, 50c and 25c. Ruffs, \$1.00 and 75c. \$1.50, \$1.00 and 75c.

Children's Coats
At such special prices that you would not think of making now. Children's White Bearskin Coats for \$1.98. Children's Red, Navy or Light Blue Cloth Coats for \$2.50. Children's Fine Quality Kersey Coats, now sleeve, trimmed collar and sleeve, for \$4.98.

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New Line of Xmas Aprons
Exceptional values, 25c.

A High Quality Gift at a Very Low Price
Several new lots of Dress Goods that will be put on sale Monday at half of their real worth. Gray Mixtures, 56 inches wide, several patterns; \$1.00 and \$1.50 value, \$1.00 and \$1.50 value, 50c and 69c. Chevron Stripes and Herringbone Weaves, 45 inches wide, blue and green; \$1.00 value, for 69c.

Ladies' New Stylish Coats
Prices cut in half in Ladies' Long Coats in the following colors: Tan, red, brown and black; \$15.00 and \$20.00 value, \$7.98 and \$10.00 value, \$5.00.

Holiday Blankets
We only mention one here as an index to several great values in the department. California Wool Blankets, 11-14 size, weighs 5 pounds; \$5.00 value, \$3.98.

Xmas Sale of Handkerchiefs
Some special lots just received at terrific prices. Solid Lawn, Barred Swiss, as well as Plain and Embroidered Linen. Children's Handkerchiefs, white and colored, 3c each up to 10c box. Swiss Handkerchiefs, hemstitched, embroidered and hemmed, 5c, 10c, 12 1/2c and 25c. Linen Handkerchiefs, hemstitched, all linen, 5c, 10c, 12 1/2c, 17c, 25c. Men's Handkerchiefs, hemstitched, all linen, 7c, 10c, 12 1/2c and 25c.

Doll Department
To be cleared out. Not a single one that is not reduced. Try can not last long at these prices: 25c Dolls, \$1.50. 50c Dolls, \$3.50. \$5.00 Dolls, \$3.50.

White and Colored Handkerchiefs, 5c value, 3c

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Fancy Linens for Christmas Gifts
Dollies, Centrepieces, Scarfs and Covers, all at bargain prices.

Holiday Glove Sale
Values Simply Phenomenal
All nicely boxed. Short Kid Gloves, \$1.50, 50c. Long Kid Gloves, \$3.50, \$2.98 and \$1.00 value, \$1.50 and 25c. Faber's Gloves, silk lined, 50c and 25c.

Sweaters, Leggings and Toques
Exceptional values for Monday Sale. Children's White Sweaters, 98c. Misses' White and Red Sweaters, from \$1.50 to \$2.98. Ladies' Sweaters, in white, red, or white with colored border, \$5.98. Children's Knit or Drawer Leggings, for 50c. Children's White or Colored Toques, for 25c and 50c.

Cut Prices on Stylish Suits
Ladies' odd and end lot of Suits, in red, blue or black; their remarks value for \$15.00 to \$19.00. \$15.00 Suits, with long coat, satin lined and wide fold on skirt, for \$9.98. \$35.00 Suits, in stylish blue or brown mixtures, \$19.00.

New Fur
Throw Scarfs, shawl effects, and large assortment of Muffs. Ladies' and Misses' Connoisseur Scarf to match; special \$1.98. Very Large Muff and Scarf to match, best quality fur, victory oval death that one of Muffs. Large Fur Muff of Isabella or Sable Fur, satin lined; \$19.98. Ladies' Fur Goggles of Sable Fur or dyed Squirrel, worth \$35, special price, set \$25.00.

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